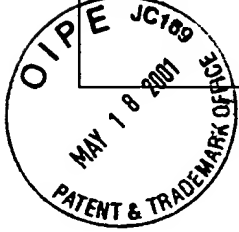


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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 22, 2000 for which a response was due on March 22, 2001 and for which a two month extension of time is also requested to extend the time for response from March 22, 2001 to May 22, 2001.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: